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SUBJECT: MEETING OF PRESIDENTS

REF: COOTE-NELSON TELECON OF FEBRUARY 12

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY AND STATE HOUSE INFORM US THAT PRESIDENT KAUNDA WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE MADAM BETTY KAUNDA; ALSO THAT SUGGESTION OF LARGE DINNER WITH WIVES AT WHITE HOUSE FOR EVENING OF APRIL 19 IS PLEASING AND ACCEPTABLE. AF/E DESK OFFICER JANIN HAND-CARRYING EMBASSY LIST OF AMERICAN FRIENDS OF ZAMBIA (INVITEES TO INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS, PLUS SELECTED DISTINGUISHED VISITORS OVER PAST THREE YEARS) FOR CONSIDERATION FOR WHITE HOUSE DINNER APRIL 19.

2. STATE HOUSE SOURCE SAID ZAMBIAN AMBASSADOR MWALE HAD REQUESTED LUSAKA TO CONFIRM "BLACK TIE BANQUET NIGHT OF APRIL 19." ASSUME DEPARTMENT NOW IN CONTACT WITH MWALE.

3. PRESIDENT KAUNDA AGREEABLE TO OFFICE CALL ON PRESIDENT AT WHITE HOUSE SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 19.

4. STATE HOUSE PREFERS DELAY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISIT TO U.S. UNTIL MID-MARCH TO ALLOW TIME TO FIRM UP OTHER VISITS TO POINTS IN CARIBBEAN.

5. PRESIDENTIAL PARTY NOW PLANS ARRIVE WASHINGTON
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MORNING OF APRIL 18 AND DESIRES ENTIRE DAY FREE FOR REST

AFTER LONG JOURNEY. WE ADVISED STATE HOUSE CONTACT THAT BLAIR HOUSE AVAILABLE NIGHTS OF APRIL 18, 19 AND 20, AND THEY MOST GRATEFUL FOR THIS ACCOMODATION. REQUESTED INDICATION OF MAXIMUM NUMBER IN PARTY WHICH COULD BE ACCOMODATED THERE (LUSAKA 241). THOUGHT OCCURS THAT WILLIAMSBURG OR ANNAPOLIS ACCOMODATIONS FOR VISITING CHIEFS OF STATE AFTER TIRING ATLANTIC CROSSING MAY BE PREFERABLE FOR REST APRIL 18. DEFER TO WASHINGTON ADVICE ON THIS EMBASSY SUGGESTION AND WHETHER OFFER MIGHT BE MADE.

6. FLIGHT FROM LUSAKA TO WASHINGTON WILL BE CHARTER ZAMBIAN AIRWAYS DC-8, REGISTRY NUMBER, TAIL MARKINGS, RADIO CALL SIGNAL AND CREW TO BE NOTIFIED LATER. ASSUME WASHINGTON INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE FORTHCOMING ON PORT OF ENTRY AND OTHER TECHNICALITIES.

7. AMBASSADOR WOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE WASHINGTON 4-5 DAYS BEFORE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY.
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